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report on Gross Doelln airfield which gives information under the following headings: (1) Aircraft OB, (2) Personnel, (3) Supplies, and (4) Rumors of a New Type of Bomber from USSR.

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GROSS DOELLN Airfield: Sitrep (15 - 30 March 56)

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A. AIRCRAFT ORDER OF BATTLE

1. Departure of Aircraft

(a) The 30 IL 28/UIL 28s which had been stationed at the airfield for some time left in small groups from the middle of March onwards, the last aircraft departing between 22 and 24 March 56.

(b) The aircraft are reported to have moved to the COTTBUS area or to POLAND.

B. PERSONNEL

2. Departure of SAF personnel

(a) During the same period, all SAF personnel departed with their families taking with them furniture, fittings, and some apparently not adequately secured fixtures. Up to 29 March 56 the domestic site stood empty.

(b) The Ack Ack troops have not moved out.

3. Arrival of new SAF Unit

On 13 March 56, a new SAF unit arrived by rail on a train of 63 wagons.

C. SUPPLIES

4. Removal of Surface Fuel Tanks - No.I Fuel Installation

6 large and 4 small cylindrical tanks which had been lying above ground in the area of No. I Fuel Installation, were dismantled and taken along by the departing SAF unit(s).

5. Removal of Bombs from No. I Storage Installation

(a) The bombs stored in the sheds of No. I Storage Installation were taken away by the departing SAF unit(s).

(b) Up to 30 March 56, No. I Storage Installation was unoccupied and unguarded. A new guard was due to be mounted on 31 March 56.

D. GENERAL

6. Rumours

According to rumours current among leading officials of the German building firms employed on the airfield, a unit with a new type of four engined bomber from the USSR is expected to arrive on the airfield in the near future.

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Reference para.3 of report. Full details of this new SAF unit have, of course, been requested.

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